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CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Honorable Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/444,643, filed on November 22, 1999, which was a continuation of Ser. No. 08/996,991 (now U.S. Pat. 6,083,233), entitled

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Appliance for Plucking Hairs out of Human Skin

by the following inventors:

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| Norbert Kreutz; | Pedro Sanchez-Martinez; |
| Richard Cohen; and | Dietrich Pahl. |

Enclosed is a true and correct copy of the prior application filing papers.

1. Enclosed is a true and correct copy of the prior application including the text translated into English including:

21 pages of Specification;
4 pages of Claims (numbered 1-23);
1 page of Abstract;
8 sheets of Formal Drawings (containing Figs. 1-14); and

and copies of the Declarations (two counterpart originals, totaling 6 pages).

2. Also enclosed for completeness is a true and correct copy of the prior application in the German language text as it had been filed:

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE (37 CFR 1.10)

I hereby certify that this Continuation Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed herewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" on the date shown below in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

January 22, 2002
Date

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21 pages of German-language Specification;
4 pages of Claims (numbered 1-23); and
1 page of Abstract.

3. Also enclosed is a copy of Applicants' PCT application, published as WO97/00032.
4. Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment, containing claims numbered 24-38, prior to calculating the filing fee and examination.

5. Fee calculation:

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| Basic filing fee (\$ 740) | \$ <u>740</u> |
| Claims in excess of 20 (\$18 each) | \$ _____ |
| Independent claims in excess of 3 ((3-3)=0 @ \$84 each) | \$ _____ |
| Multiple dependent claims (\$280) | \$ _____ |
| Total Fees | \$ <u>740</u> |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$ 740, plus any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. **07-1350**. A **duplicate** copy of this authorization is enclosed.

6. The prior application is assigned of record to Braun Aktiengesellschaft, at Reel 9504, Frame 0515.

7. A Power of Attorney to the undersigned is of record in the prior application.

8. An information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith, including


1 page I.D.S

1 page Form 1449 with copies of cited references.

9. The certified copy of Applicants' German priority application 195 21 585 is on file in the grandparent application Ser. No. 08/996,991 (now U.S. Pat. 6,083,233), supporting the claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of the application filed in Germany, serial no. 195 21 585.0, filed June 14, 1995.

Respectfully submitted,

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